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HIGHLIGHTS. MAIN CAIRO PRESS STORY JUNE 12 CONCERNED ADDITIONAL EGYPTIAN REACTIONS TO ISRAELI RAID IN IRAQ, INCLUDING SADAT'S FORMATION OF A SPECIAL

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COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS RE[illegible] TO THE RAID. PROMINENT ATTENTION GIVEN TO U.S. SUSPENSION OF F-16 DELIVERY TO ISRAEL. MEDIA NOTE. EGYPTIAN MFO DELEGATION RETURNS FROM HERZLIYYA TODAY. END HIGHLIGHTS.
1. COMMITTEE. ALL PAPERS RUN STORIES ON PRESIDENT SADAT'S FORMATION YESTERDAY OF A COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS STEMMING FROM ISRAEL'S IRAQ AIR STRIKE, COMPRISING DEP PREMIER FOUAD MOHIEDDIN (CHAIRMAN), FORMIN ALI AND MINSTATE MANSOUR HASSAN. COMMITTEE WILL REPORTEDLY MONITOR AND IMPLEMENT PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ISRAEL ACTION. SADAT IS

QUOTED AS TELLING COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT HE REJECTED RATIONALE IN BEGIN'S MESSAGE TO HIM. DURING THE MEETING, FOR MIN ALI REPORTEDLY SUMMARIZED WORLDWIDE REACTIONS TO THE ISRAELI STRIKE. MEDIA NOTE ALI'S SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH AMERICAN CHARGE, IN WHICH U.S. OFFICIAL REACTIONS, INCLUDING SFRC CHAIRMAN PERCY'S STATEMENT REGARDING SUSPENSION OF F-16 DELIVERY, WERE DISCUSSED.

2. SADAT. TODAY'S PRESS CARRIES FULLER COVERAGE OF SADAT'S INTERVIEW WITH JAPANESE MEDIA. SADAT IS REPORTED AS SAYING, INTER ALIA, THAT THE ISRAELI OPERATION AGAINST IRAQ GAVE THE USSR AND ITS AGENTS A CHANCE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR POSITION, ADDING THAT SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. REGARDING THE SHARM EL-SHEIKH MEETING, SADAT SAID HE AND PM BEGIN HAD AGREED THAT JERUSALEM WOULD BE A UNIFIED CITY WITH GUARANTEED FREE ACCESS TO ALL HOLY PLACES. HOWEVER, THEY DIFFERED OVER

EGYPT'S POSITION THAT THE ARAB SECTOR MUST BE UNDER ARAB SOVEREIGNTY.

3. REAGAN M.E. POLICY. DURING JAPANESE INTERVIEW, WHEN ASKED HIS OPINION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY, SADAT DESCRIBED NEW ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION AS STILL IN AN IMPRECISE, FORMATIVE STAGE, BUT NOTED THAT HE AND SECRETARY HAIG HAD AGREED ON ALL ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO EGYPT.

4. OTHER NEWS:

-- SADAT SAYS HE WILL VISIT JAPAN IN THE FALL.

-- PERES REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT OF HIS MEETING WITH SADAT IN TELEPHONE CALL TO PRESIDENT YESTERDAY.

-- PRESIDENT SADAT WILL REPORTEDLY MEET TOMORROW WITH SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE.

-- IN EDITORIALS, AKHBAR DESCRIBES WHAT IT SEES AS ARAB AND WORLDWIDE PERCEPTION OF AMERICAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISRAELI AGGRESSION BY SUPPLYING SOPHISTICATED ARMS TO HER. AKHBAR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF MUSA SABRI EMPHASIZES THAT THE "MARCH ON THE ROAD OF PEACE (WILL CONTINUE) TO THE VERY END," DESPITE HEAVY BURDENS ON EGYPT. GUMHURIYYA CRITICIZES ARAB DISUNITY AS BEING AS HARMFUL TO THE ARABS AS ISRAELI POLICY. WEND